

**BILL NO. BL2018-1316** (DOWELL) – This ordinance, as substituted, would amend Metro Code of Laws (MCL) Sec. 17.24.060 regarding special screening requirements for dumpsters and other trash receptacles.

MCL Sec. 17.24.060.A requires dumpsters and other trash receptacles for all structures, other than single or two-family residences, to be screened from public streets and properties zoned or policed for residential use. Under this section, receptacles must be placed on a concrete pad and enclosed by an opaque fence or wall at least six (6) feet in height. Gates must be opaque unless the opening is oriented away from public streets or adjacent residential properties. Enclosures can be made of wood, masonry, or other permanent materials, with evergreen plants used in part.

This ordinance would keep the existing requirements and add certain design standards. Concrete pads would be required to be constructed from steel reinforced concrete and a minimum of eight inches (8") thick. Enclosures would be required to a minimum of one foot (1') higher than the height of the enclosed receptacle or six feet (6'), whichever is higher. Unless oriented away from public streets and residential properties, service access gates for the enclosures would be required to be of sufficient size to remove the receptacle, made from an opaque material, constructed with a latch to keep the gate closed with receptacle is not in use, and not open directly onto public streets or sidewalks. The enclosure could have an additional side door for accessing the receptacle, at least three feet (3') in width with no requirement to be secured.

Further, receptacles would be required to be located behind the building or structure which they service. If the receptacle could not be located behind the building or structure, the Department of Codes Administration would be authorized to determine the location. Receptacles would also need to be readily accessible to the Nashville Fire Department.

This ordinance would also designate the current grandfathering procedures as Subsection B. The other existing subsections of MCL Sec. 17.24.060 would not be amended.